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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3895

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (SOLARZ, STEPHEN)

SUBJ: CODEL SOLARZ

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1. CODEL SOLARZ HAD A FULL SCHEDULE DURING ITS TWO ATHENS STOPOVERS. AS REQUESTED BY THE CODEL, THE EMBASSY ARRANGED MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS AND DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF. (PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS WAS UNABLE TO MEET THEM.) CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ ALSO CALLED ON THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR HERE, RAHAMIN TIMOR. THE CHARGE HOSTED A LUNCHEON/BRIEFING FOR THE CODEL.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, MR. HACKETT PERSONALLY AND PRIVATELY ARRANGED A SERIES OF MEETINGS WHICH WERE CONCENTRATED ON THE OPPOSITION, E.G. UNION OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER DEPUTIES VIRGINIA TSOUDEROU AND JOHN PESMAZOGLOU. IT WAS APPARENT THAT HACKETT DESIRED NO EMBASSY PARTICIPATION IN ANY OF THE CODEL'S MEETINGS WITH GREEKS, A PREFERENCE WHICH WE NATURALLY OBSERVED.

3. COMMENT: CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ IMPRESSED US AS FAVORABLY AS HE DID EMBASSY ANKARA. HE IS EXTREMELY WELL INFORMED, HAS A SHARP, INQUIRING MIND AND APPEARS TO APPROACH PROBLEMS WITH UNUSUAL OBJECTIVITY. HIS COMMENTS TO US INDICATED THAT HE TOOK THE MEASURE OF HIS GREEK CONTACTS VERY ACCURATELY. BRIEF THOUGH IT WAS, HIS VISIT SHOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE SOME USEFUL SIDE EFFECTS HERE AND, WE IMAGINE,

ON THE HILL WHEN HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON. STEARNS

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